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FOR FRANK WISNER

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SUBJECT: DRAFTING IDEAS FOR REPLY TO KAUNDA AND NYERERE LETTERS

1. WE ARE PREPARING DRAFTS HERE ALSO BUT FOLLOWING MAYBE HELPFUL FOR YOUR VERSIONS.

2. BOTH LETTERS TO BE WARM, FRIENDLY, UPBEAT, FORWARD-LOOKING, AND SHORT. MIGHT SUGGEST WE ARE STILL ON ESSENTIALLY SAME WAVE LENGTH. EMPHASIZE GOALS AND WHAT WE SEE AS NEEDED TO GET THERE. SOME POINTS IN ACTION MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED REPLY TO NKOMO (IN FLASH SEPTEL) MIGHT BE REPEATED.

3. LETTER TO NYERERE SHOULD EMPHASIZE WE NEVER OPPOSED ROLE FOR BRITISH, THAT IT WAS BRITISH WHO WERE RELUCTANT AND SMITH WHO WAS OPPOSED. IDEAS FROM SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH CROSLAND MIGHT BE ADDED IF HELPFUL AND APPROPRIATE.

4. LETTER TO KAUNDA MIGHT PICK UP FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH CHONA TOMORROW. YOU COULD DRAW FROM NIACT BRIEFING MEMO
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SENT FOR THAT MEETING. MAIN POINT SHOULD BE THAT NONE OF

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US WANTS TO SEE GENEVA FAIL BUT THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE
PARTIES MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN REACHING A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT. ROBINSON

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